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Hon. Robert O'Farrell  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
Monterey County  
P.O. Box 1819  
Salinas, CA 93902

Re: Response to Monterey County Civil Grand Jury

Dear Honorable Judge O'Farrell:

We respectfully submit the City of Seaside's response to the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Final report regarding Storm Water Management.

**FINDINGS:**

1. There is inadequate storm drain pipe maintenance in Monterey Peninsula Cities.

**RESPONSE:** The respondent agrees with the findings.

2. Only one public information forum on how to keep beaches and coastal water healthy was conducted in Monterey County during 2001. It was held in Monterey on February 28, 2001.

**RESPONSE:** The respondent agrees with the findings.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

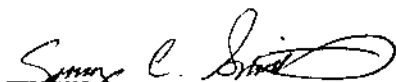
1. The Board of Supervisors direct the Environmental Health Division of the Monterey County Health Department to share its expertise with Monterey Peninsula cities, working with the cities to determine what support they require to develop a community education program. The community education program that each Monterey Peninsula city develops should include, but not be limited to:
  - a. Sources of run-off pollution into Bay waters;
  - b. Monterey Bay bacterial pollution;
  - c. Potential illnesses from polluted ocean water;
  - d. Methods of prevention of pollution of Monterey Bay waters.

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**RESPONSE:** The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. The City of Seaside cannot respond for the Monterey County Board of Supervisors. However, the City of Seaside would welcome the support of the Environmental Health Division of the Monterey County Health Department in developing a community education program as outlined in the recommendation.

The City of Seaside is already a member of the Monterey Regional Storm Water Participates Group which was established to obtain a regional National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Phase II (NPDES Phase II) permit for Monterey Peninsula Cities. This permit will require cities to develop and implement "best management practices" for existing storm drains as well as "good housekeeping programs" to improve water quality. Public Education/Outreach and Public Participation/Involvement are two of the six (6) minimum control measures that will be implemented in the permit and corresponding Storm Water Management Program. We anticipate including a community education program as part of the permit.

Sincerely,

  
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Jerry O. Smith  
Mayor, City of Seaside